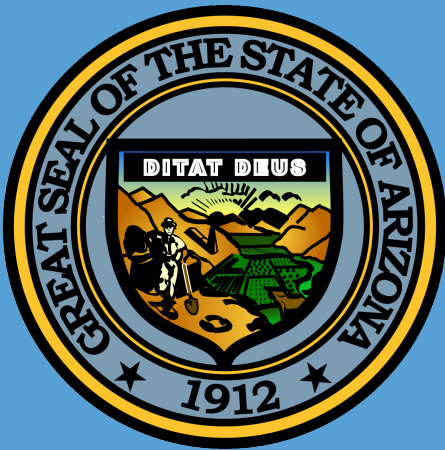


A PLAN FOR ACTION:

Addressing the Methamphetamine Crisis in Arizona



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE STRATEGY TO COMBAT METHAMPHETAMINE

Governor Napolitano’s Task Force on Methamphetamine

Priority Recommendations

1. Create a single point of contact to orchestrate the statewide planning and delivery of services specific to methamphetamine.
2. Fund site-based prevention specialists to enhance the capacity of school districts to engage in prevention efforts.
3. Promote the use of evidence-based media campaigns to reduce the production and use of methamphetamine.
4. Identify and implement evidence-based prevention strategies to prevent high-risk populations from using methamphetamine.
5. Expand treatment services for adult and juvenile methamphetamine-related offenders.
6. Develop a framework to improve access to substance abuse treatment statewide.
7. Reduce trafficking of methamphetamine and its precursor chemicals.
8. Implement and support continuous data collection methods to track pseudoephedrine sales and methamphetamine-related arrest information through multi-system approaches.
9. Expand the reach of Drug Endangered Children Protocols to all communities and tribal governments.
10. Implement an immediate response system to clandestine meth lab sites and other methamphetamine-affected properties to reduce the negative environmental impact of methamphetamine.

Action Steps and Strategies

- Appoint the Director of the Governor’s Division for Substance Abuse Policy to coordinate statewide planning by creating the Governor’s Office of Substance Abuse Policy and empowering it to act as a single point of contact. *Governor’s Office.*
- Empower one single State Substance Abuse Council to report to the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse Policy on effective solutions to prevent, intervene with, and treat methamphetamine abuse and related problems and to orchestrate local planning and delivery of community services specifically related to methamphetamine. *Governor’s Office.*
- Create a central clearinghouse to share best practices; disseminate information on evidence-based prevention, intervention, and treatment options; and provide grassroots strategic direction to the State Substance Abuse Council and local substance abuse coalitions. *State Substance Abuse Council.*
- Conduct coordinated data collection among all state and county agencies for the purpose of producing an annual report assessing the nature and depth of the methamphetamine problem in Arizona; producing a quarterly report card on the status of prevention, treatment, and enforcement outcome indicators; and through justice mapping, identifying targeted impact areas for funding. *State Epidemiological Workgroup.*
- Distribute and implement evidence-based screening tools to assess students at high risk of developing substance abuse addiction. *Department of Health Services, in partnership with the Department of Education.*
- Empower local schools to identify and implement age-appropriate, evidence-based training and educational materials that meet the needs of children exposed to or at risk of harm to reduce their risk of addiction. *Department of Education.*
- Review the best and most effective evidence-based media strategies to determine which approach can best reach the goal of preventing methamphetamine use in the State of Arizona. *Governor’s Division for Substance Abuse Policy.*
- Provide funding and technical assistance to each of the state’s anti-methamphetamine coalitions in implementing evidence-based prevention strategies. *Governor’s Division for Substance Abuse Policy.*
- Seek state, federal, and/or private funding to increase the number of drug courts available throughout the state, as well as mental health courts and family drug courts. *Administrative Office of the Courts, in partnership with the Department of Health Services.*
- Ensure that strong case management interventions are practiced for drug-involved families. *Department of Economic Security – Division for Children, Youth and Families, in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts.*
- Provide focused, evidence-based methamphetamine and other drug prevention and treatment to juveniles and adults incarcerated in Arizona. *Department of Corrections; Department of Juvenile Corrections.*
- Create and fund treatment alternatives to incarceration. *Department of Health Services.*
- Ensure that adults and juveniles have access to reentry treatment services for meth once released from county jails, tribal jails, and state prisons. *Department of Health Services; Department of Corrections; Department of Juvenile Corrections; Administrative Office of the Courts.*
- Continue to allocate funds for the construction and operation of new treatment facilities (including rural and tribal locations) to ensure immediate access and reentry for methamphetamine and related drug treatment. *State Legislature.*
- Continue to enhance and improve access to family-centered treatment statewide. *Department of Health Services.*
- Call on the federal government to aggressively pursue a plan to develop an enhanced chemical control system that quickly implements more stringent and effective inspections of incoming conveyances for methamphetamine and its precursor chemicals. *Governor’s Office.*
- Enhance enforcement efforts throughout Arizona through heightened partnerships among state, local, tribal, and federal authorities to interdict and seize precursor chemicals, methamphetamine and other drugs, and drug proceeds in an effort to disrupt and impact major drug trafficking organizations utilizing Arizona highways and borders as drug transportation routes. *Relevant law enforcement agencies.*
- Identify new technology, training programs, and intelligence sharing capabilities to improve the efficiency of the inspection process and drug interdiction. *Governor’s Office of Homeland Security, in partnership with federal, state, and tribal governments.*
- Implement the Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) in all county jails and detention facilities to collect and analyze arrestee drug use data to provide local communities with an understanding of drug-involved arrests and crimes. *County sheriffs and city police chiefs, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety.*
- Implement and fund an electronic tracking and monitoring system for all retail pharmacy stores to track pseudoephedrine sales throughout Arizona. *Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Maricopa County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Meth Lab Task Force.*
- Enact statutes mandating the electronic tracking of pseudoephedrine purchases. *State Legislature.*
- Ensure that all communities and tribal governments are provided with the training and technical assistance needed to implement Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Protocols to ensure the safety of all Arizona children. *Local governments, in partnership with the State.*
- Conduct an assessment of the implementation of current Drug Endangered Children Protocols and encourage implementation of DEC protocols in jurisdictions where they currently do not exist. *Attorney General’s Office.*
- Provide necessary technical assistance and training in all jurisdictions and communities where DEC protocols are not currently utilized. *Attorney’s General’s Office, in partnership with law enforcement organizations, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, and the Department of Economic Security.*
- Develop long-term strategies for continued follow-up with Drug Endangered Children. *Attorney General’s Office; Department of Economic Security; Department of Health Services; Department of Education.*
- Expand the number and availability of contractors to implement cleanup of hazardous meth-affected properties and to handle follow-up inspection to ensure that the property has been properly remediated, with an emphasis on rural and tribal communities. *Board of Technical Registration.*
- Strengthen Arizona Revised Statute §12-1000 to hold individuals accountable for the remediation of meth-affected properties condemned for exposure to methamphetamine. *State Legislature.*